**Food for Work Programme in Tamil Nadu**

2606. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the activities undertaken under Food for Work Scheme in Tamil Nadu for 2001-2002;

(b) the number of persons benefited during the same period;

(c) the details of the foodgrains allocated under the scheme to take care of the drought-affected districts of the State for the last three years; and

(d) the benefits accrued to such district of Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) to (d) No request was received from the State Govt. of Tamil Nadu for implementation of Food for Work Programme in the State.

**Introducing the insurance scheme for women handloom weavers in Gujarat**

2607. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any insurance scheme has been introduced in Gujarat and elsewhere for women handloom weavers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of women weavers presently covered under the scheme in Gujarat, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Governmet of India has been implementing the Group Insurance Scheme and the New Insurance Scheme for the benefit of the handloom weavers in the country including in the State of Gujarat. These schemes cover both men and women weavers. The details of these schemes are given below: